

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth, Lori Droessler and Katey Neis. Absent: none. Citizens: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Others present: Police officer Eric Seiler. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Zephyr Depot, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Benton Business Incubator Building.

By general consent the meeting minutes from the last regular meeting held November 4, 2009, and the special meeting held November 30, 2009, were approved as distributed.

Ryan Carver was present.

Carver recommended that the decision related to the quotes for the sewer main rehabilitation be tabled until the next meeting at which additional information will be available.

The quotes for maintenance for the old water tower located on Water Street were discussed. Carver recommended approval of the quote from Lane Tank. *Motion (Lawrence, Neis) to accept the bid from Lane Tank Co, Inc. in the amount of \$18,950.00 for work to be completed.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Officer Seiler was present. He presented the October and November monthly reports.

A general discussion was held regarding the alternate side parking ordinance. No changes were made to this ordinance. Officer Seiler indicated it appeared to be going ok with the enforcement of this ordinance.

Water tower maintenance bids for the new water tower on Frontier Street were discussed. It was agreed to postpone a decision on this matter until more information can be obtained from all bidders.

The first reading of an ordinance amendment 9-4-3 regarding Private Well Abandonment was read.

The purchase of ten unaccounted for water tower recovery kits was tabled until further information can be obtained.

Ryan left at 7:47 p.m.

Terry Sheffer advised that a new executive director of the Lafayette Development Corporation had been hired. The new director's name is Kenneth Harwood and is expected to start January 1, 2010.

A discussion related to the village donating a lot to the Benton Community Development Corporation in 2010 for a Grant County Habitat for Humanity home was held. No action was taken on this matter.

*Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve the appointment of the following citizens as election workers for 2010-2011: Lorene Kreul, Shirley Bryant, Ann Smythe, Cathy Halweg, Darnell Hendricks, Mimi Kluge, Margaret Langkamp, Ruth Goffinet, Melissa Keleher, and Phoebe McCrea.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Droessler, Fladseth) to appoint a committee to research upgrading the villages street lights on Main Street.* Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Droessler, Fladseth) to authorize the following appointments to the Main Street lighting project committee: Sheri Timmerman, Chuck Wartner, Rose Walton, Gary McCrea, John Perkins, and Darnell Hendricks.* Roll-all ayes. Motion carried.

*Motion (Droessler, Walton) to approve the Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes between the Village of Benton and the Housing Authority of the County of Lafayette for the sum*

*of \$660.00 (\$55.00 per unit per year X 12 units) for a period of four additional years. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

A general discussion related to amending the village ordinance related to outside wood burning units was held. By general consent it was agreed that the ordinance committee should pursue the drafting of an ordinance related to these outside wood burning units.

*Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve the final application for payment from Iverson Construction for the final retainage amount on the 2009 Cross Street reconstruction project in the amount of \$1,394.24. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

The claims against the Village were presented for payment. *Motion (Fladseth, Neis) to pay the claims against the Village. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Walton, Neis) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.*